

Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Alonzo Coby, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall, Idaho.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, with amendments; and

The nominations of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 2294–2340; 1 private bill, H.R. 2341; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50–51; H. Con. Res. 121–122; and H. Res. 414–423 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 23, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–99).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael Cummings, Burnt Swamp Association, Pembroke, North Carolina.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative LaTourette moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 359, providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 251) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG). (Discharge Petition No. 3).

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measure which was debated on Wednesday, May 6th:

*Recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions:* H. Res. 14, amended, to recognize the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and to commend the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the importance of the Department of Homeland Security, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in combating human smuggling and trafficking in persons, and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggling and trafficking prosecutions.”

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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**Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act:** The House passed H.R. 1728, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 242. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, May 6th.

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Agreed to the Sessions motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House

forthwith with an amendment by voice vote. Subsequently, Representative Frank (MA) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H5315–24, H5369–70**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

**Pages H5313, H5325**

Agreed to:

Frank (MA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that makes various and sundry clarifying changes in the bill; **Pages H5343–50**

Bachus amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that provides assistance to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for activities, in connection with servicers of residential mortgage loans, to inform borrowers under such loans who are delinquent with respect to payments due under such loans of the dangers of fraudulent activities associated with foreclosure; **Pages H5352–53**

Perlmutter amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that reduces the grace period for renters renting a unit in violation of a mortgage contract when that property is sold to a purchaser who intends to use such property as an owner-occupied unit from 90 days to 30 days. Additionally, creditors may only accelerate debt repayment in certain circumstances; **Pages H5353–54**

Moore (KS) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that requires income to be verified by lenders utilizing IRS tax transcripts or similar methods that verify income by a third party; **Pages H5356–57**

McNerney amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that stipulates that when awarding assistance to HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and/or state housing finance agencies, the Secretary may give priority consideration to entities serving areas with high rates of foreclosure; **Pages H5358–59**

Dahlkemper amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that requires that benefits of pre-payment of mortgage balances be explained in the consumer education guide produced by HUD; **Page H5360**

Ginny Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that expands the scope of the GAO study required under this act to include an examination of any effects on consumer and small business credit availability and affordability; **Pages H5360–61**

Titus amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that requires that the costs and benefits of each residential mortgage loan offered, discussed or referred to by the originator be clearly presented side

by side and that the disclosures for each product have equal prominence. Requires that disclosure be made in writing, the understanding of which will be acknowledged by the signature of the mortgage originator and consumer; **Pages H5361–62**

Mario Diaz-Balart (FL) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that requires the Secretary of HUD to study the effects of the presence of Chinese dry wall on foreclosures and the availability of property insurance for residential structures where Chinese dry wall is present; **Page H5362**

Weiner amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–98), as modified, that requires Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to take into account factors such as the health of the local or regional housing market and other factors when determining fee schedules, occupancy and pre-sale guidelines for condominium and cooperative housing mortgages; and **Pages H5364–65**

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that provides that no funds in the bill for legal assistance or housing counseling grants may be distributed to any organization which has been or which employs an individual who has been convicted for a violation under Federal law relating to an election for Federal office (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 238).

**Pages H5350–52, H5366**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that sought to strike the assignee and securitizer liability provisions from the bill (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 239); **Pages H5354–56, H5366–67**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that sought to delay the enactment of titles I, II, and III of the bill until the Federal Reserve certifies that they will not reduce the availability or increase the price of credit for qualified mortgages (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 240); and **Pages H5357–58, H5367–68**

McHenry amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–98) that sought to strike title III from the bill relating to high-cost mortgages (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 241).

**Pages H5359–60, H5368**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5371**

H. Res. 406, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 237, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

**Pages H5323–24**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 11th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12th for morning hour debate.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–38).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2010—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–3).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5371.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 454 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5323–24, H5366, H5366–67, H5367–68, H5368 and H5370. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations.

### WEAPONS ACQUISITION SYSTEM REFORM THROUGH ENHANCING TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND OVERSIGHT ACT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2101, Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act of 2009.

### COUNTERINSURGENCY AND IRREGULAR WARFARE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Counterinsurgency and Irregular Warfare: Issues and Lessons Learned. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ENSURING PREPAREDNESS AGAINST THE FLU VIRUS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Ensuring Preparedness Against the Flu Virus at School and Work. Testimony was heard from Jodan Barab, Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor; Bill Modzeleski, Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Department of Education; RADM Anne Schuchat, M.D., USN, Deputy Director, Science and Program Centers, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINATION OF COMPETITION IN THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on An Examination of Competition in the Wireless Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PERSPECTIVES ON HEDGE FUND REGISTRATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on Hedge Fund Registration.” Testimony was heard from Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

### ZIMBABWE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Zimbabwe: Opportunities for a New Way Forward. Testimony was heard from Lorne W. Craner, former Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State, and public witnesses.

### IMPLEMENTING THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE AT LAND AND SEA PORTS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative at Land and Sea Ports: Are We Ready?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard Barth, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development; and Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operation, Customs and Border Protection; John Brennan, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.